

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 2 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claim 1 to read, as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A charging roller for a contact charging assembly,
~~comprising said charging roller comprising:~~
a conductive ~~substrate;~~ substrate;
an elastic layer which covers the periphery of the conductive ~~substrate;~~ substrate; and
a seamless tube externally so fitted as to cover the periphery of the elastic layer,
~~wherein said seamless tube constitutes a surface layer of the charging roller, and~~
wherein said charging roller has a surface of 3.0 µm or less in ten-point average
roughness Rz jis 94, and 0.04 mm or more and 0.10 mm or less in roughness curve average
length RSm, and
wherein said seamless tube constitutes a surface layer of the charging roller, said
seamless tube comprising comprises:
(A) a thermoplastic styrene ~~elastomer, and elastomer;~~ and
(B) a high-impact-resistant polystyrene (HIPS) containing rubber particles, HIPS;
~~and wherein~~ a proportion of the component (A) to the composition (B) is (A)/(B)
[[=]] in a range of 80/20 to 40/60 in weight ratio.

Claims 2 and 3. **(Cancelled)**

4. **(Currently Amended)** The charging roller according to ~~claim 1~~ Claim 1, wherein said seamless tube comprises a multi-layer structure ~~having a plurality of layers~~.

5. **(Currently Amended)** A process cartridge comprising an electrophotographic photosensitive member and the charging roller according to ~~claim 1~~ Claim 1, which are integrally supported together, and ~~being~~ are detachably mountable on a main body of an electrophotographic apparatus.

6. **(Currently Amended)** An electrophotographic apparatus comprising an electrophotographic photosensitive member and the charging roller according to ~~claim 1~~ Claim 1.